

Minister's Wife Compares Practices of Chinese and American Women.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 4.—Mme. Wu Ting-fang, wife of China's representative at the national capital, when questioned further concerning the interview wherein she de-

"It is becoming the custom at home for ladies to have feet no smaller than those of a 5-year-old child, and so the feet of little girls are not conformed or bound until they reach that age. By that time they are strong, and if the binding is properly done, it will not cause any serious pain. Really

"Foreigners have an exaggerated idea of the suffering incident to the making of the 'pale yellow' silk. They are imbued with an aristocratic standpoint, for a girl to furnish in this particular the Chinese idea of beauty is to have a pale yellow complexion. Little pain there to secure that end.

"There is a movement among the missionaries last year to decry and, if possible stop the practice of stunting the young girls. They are not, however, successful. The sentiment already in existence in favor of modifying the custom, and it helped in a measure to the work of the missionaries. The influence of this missionary effort many parents removed the bandages from the feet of their daughters."

Mme. Wu was not to be balked of a little bit of feminine and likewise internationalism. She was not to be balked of a little bit of Americanism and modernism.

"While I am exceedingly fond of America," she said, "I am not so fond of the Americans."

the enjoyment of a little water, a little waist. Many girls are not affected in this manner by the confinement of my feet in childhood, but the health of many an American woman is ruined by the constriction of her waist."

In the City.

VISITED ST. LOUIS SCHOOLS.—Miss Essie Barnes, a teacher in the Kirkville public schools, who has been in St. Louis several days visiting the city schools and gathering ideas as to how they are conducted, departed for her home yesterday.

INVENTORY OF HANSEN ESTATE.—An inventory of the estate of Hjalmar A. Hansen, filed in probate yesterday, sets forth a personal estate estimated at \$128,875.75, of which stocks to the amount of \$48,000 are said to be worthless.

ELECTION RETURNS AT JEFFERSON CLUB.—The Jefferson Club will receive returns from the elections in the East to which it has been invited.

RETURNS AT ST. LOUIS REPUBLICAN Club—Election returns from the East will be received to-night over special telegraph wires placed in the rooms of the St. Louis Republican Club at 931 North Vandeventer.

BOYS ON A STRIKE—More than twenty boys from 12 to 16 years old, employed by the Friedman Bros. Shoe Company, at Jefferson avenue and Madison street, have struck for a raise in wages of \$1 a week. The boys now receive from \$4.50

TO \$5 a week. They are employed as trimmers and cutters.

WELL FROM A FREIGHT TRAIN.—A freight train, carrying a carload of sheep yesterday afternoon, slipped and derailed on a freight track at the depot, and the long scarp wound and numerous bruises. He was removed to the City Hospital. He lives at 1215 S. Main.

ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.—The annual election of officers of the St. Louis Academy of Medical and Surgical Science will be held at 8 o'clock to-night at a meeting of the academy at the Hotel St. Charles. President, Doctor Emory Lanphier, will deliver the annual oration in medicine and Doctor A. C. Bernays will make a report of the work of the academy for the year. The presentation of patient and specimen.

ACCUSED OF ASSAULTING HENRY Schaper—Karl Hill, a peddler, a few years ago, was arrested last evening by Officer Thompson on a charge of assaulting Henry Schaper, of Schaper Bros., No. 335 North Broadway. Mr. Schaper stated that he was walking from the depot and when he requested him to leave, assaulted him. Hill was taken to the Fourth Police Station where a charge of assault and battery was placed against him.

EDWARD WYMAN SCHOOL FINISHED

The Edward Wyman School, located on Theresa avenue, near Park avenue, will be ready for occupancy November 11. Classes now conducted at the Hodgen, Sherman and Chouteau Schools, as far as the pupils live within the limits of the Wyman district, will be transferred. The school building is one of the finest erected by the Board of Education, and will be open to visitors all

WILL DISCUSS LABOR QUESTION: The labor question will be discussed at a meeting of the Pilgrim Current Topics Club at the Pilgrim Church, Washington and Ewing avenues, this evening. Addresses will be made as follows: "The Great Steel Strike," Edwin Norton; "Development of the Labor Union: Its Advantages and Disadvantages," D. D. Holmes, and "The Labor Problem in America: Some Possible Solutions," Lee Meriwether. A short mu-

POLICE STABLE EMPLOYEES' UNION- The second annual meeting of the St. Louis Police Stable Employees' Association was held at the Ninth District Station, corner of Washington and Chestnut streets, last night. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: George Glass of the Four Courts, president; James Fahey of the Four Courts, secretary; James J. James, Jr., of the Mounted Police, secretary, and Doctor William R. Faulkner, superintendent at the police stables, treasurer.

property in a warehouse. Another haulage man yesterday. It is charged that he bought a lot of railroad iron, which is alleged to have been stolen by Arby Johnson, a negro porter for the Walter A. Zeilner Hardware Company of No. 408 North Fourth street. A warrant charging grand larceny was also issued against Johnson. The iron, which was carried away piece by piece, is said to have been worth \$300.

ST. MARK'S EUCHARIST—A progressive Eucharist and entertainment will be given to the members of the St. Mark's Church of the Holy Trinity, 1000 Broadway, at the Grand Ball, on Vandeventer avenue, opposite Vandeventer place, the proceeds of which will be for the benefit of St. Mark's Church. For the successful players each night there will be a beautiful and costly prize, and to the person making the highest average in the games played during both evenings there will be given a handsome runabout. The Mark's Eucharist will be given on Monday and Tuesday nights, 7:30 to 11 o'clock. The games will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

FIRE AT ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.—A telephone message was received at the St. Nicholas Hotel yesterday informing the clerk that the roof of the hotel was on fire. A hasty investigation showed that in some unexplainable way some rubbish in an upper room had been ignited, and if it had not been discovered serious results

night have followed. The blaze was extinguished without calling out the Fire Department. H. Linton Reber, secretary and chief engineer of the Kinloch Telephone Company, looking from the window of his office on the tenth floor of the Century, noticed the smoke. He at once called up the hotel.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY PARAGRAPHS

Marriage licenses were issued in Clayton yesterday to August D. Matfield and Mrs. C. 2223 Pine street and Tillie M. Martin of Randolph, Marion County, Ill.; Nelson S. Butler of Reno, Ok., and Ernest Wedderburn and Nina Buschowsky of Hallow.

The suburban railroad yesterday announced that a reduction would be made in its running time between De Hottelmont, Clayton and Kirkwood. Hereafter the trip to Clayton will be made in twelve minutes and to Kirkwood in thirty-six minutes. The terminus of the road will be at the Haight Military Academy, in Kirkwood, instead of Meramec Highlands, as has been the case heretofore. Passengers desiring to go to the Highlands will be transferred to the Meramec River division.